

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 6/10/15, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conference room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Cary Conrad, Seth Federspiel, John Hurd, Melissa Laube, Jeff Maxtutis, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Jeanette Rebecchi, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Wayne Chouinard

Members of the Public Present: Andrea Canty (3 Westmoreland Ave), Amy Hoff (12 West Court Terrace)

1. Administration. Minutes of 5/13/15 meeting were approved unanimously. Correspondence and handouts were reviewed.
2. Election of Officers. Chair: Howard Muise, Co-Vice Chairs: Jeff Maxtutis and Marjorie Moores, Secretary: Laura Wiener. Unanimously elected.
3. Lowell Street. Neighborhood residents Andrea Canty and Amy Hoff and others met with Jeanette and Jeff to discuss ideas for Phase 2 efforts to increase safety on Lowell Street. There still appears to be a speeding problem, with 35 mph at 85th percentile. Crosswalk has no ramp, so is not ADA compliant. There is no sidewalk on the north side of Lowell. Width and geometry encourages speeding. Jeff suggests installing a sidewalk and restriping to narrow the travel lane. Could result in loss of a parking space. Raised crosswalks/speed tables were discussed. Andrea is concerned about noise, wants to go look at a speed table soon. Working Group will discuss again.
4. Town Reports.
 - a. Laura: Two MassDOT meetings are upcoming. One is about improvements to Route 16 at Route 2, and the other is about their Capital Investment Program, which will contain the Complete Streets budget.
 - b. Corey: Police have been continuing enforcement of both traffic violations and bike violations. New multi-space meters were ordered for the parking lots.
5. Town Day. Sept. 12. Motion to allocate \$35.00 for Town Day Booth. Voted unanimously.
6. Lake Street. Data collection is scheduled for the coming weeks regarding travel time on Lake Street with coordination of Brooks signal and Bikeway. Motion: Authorize up to \$300 for Jason Sobel (traffic engineer) to aid data collection and analysis. Voted unanimously.
7. Green Line Extension. Laura and Victor gave a brief summary. Green line to College Ave. (near Tufts) is under construction. Further extension to Mystic Valley Parkway at Boston Ave. is about to start design in new fiscal year. Mystic Valley Parkway stop would be less than a mile from Arlington.
8. Safe Pedestrian Access at Bus Stops. WG is looking at data sent by Victor.
9. Highland/High Haith. Data shows mean speed of 27 mph, with 31 mph at 85th percentile. Recommendations coming shortly.
10. Jason Street. Raised intersection at Brantwood cost estimated to be \$76,000. WG will meet with Steve Byrne, then with neighbors to discuss.
11. Electric Vehicle Charging Station. Seth talked to Ruthie Bennett, the Town's Sustainability Coordinator. Town is interested in greening its fleet. Incentives are available for charging stations in Russell Common parking lot. Laura will check with Adam to get this on the Parking Implementation and Governance Committee agenda, which is dealing with changes to Arlington Center parking lots.
12. Safe Routes to School. Maps need to be finalized by summer.
13. Mugar property. Howard attended a public meeting by developer. They are talking to MassDOT about curb cuts off the Route 2 ramp.
14. Paul Revere Road and Appleton Road. Data was collected.
15. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for June: Agenda 6/10/15; Minutes of 5/13/15; Individual Action List 6/10/15; Project List dated 6/10/15, MassDOT Comparison of Exclusive and Concurrent Pedestrian Phasing, dated 6/2015, "Green Line Extension Project, Project Area Map, Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, MA.